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71.(New) A method of forming a solder ball contact, consisting essentially of:

- forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
- forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;
- removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad,

thereby forming an exposed portion of the metal contact pad, the exposed portion having a predetermined diameter;

- immersing the substrate in molten solder;
- depositing solder on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad using selective deposition, thereby forming a solder contact; and
- annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

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72. (New) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:

- forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
- forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;
- forming a resist layer on the insulating layer;
- patterning the resist layer to define a future exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
- removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad,

thereby forming the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, the exposed portion having a predetermined diameter;

- electrolytically depositing solder on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming a solder contact extending below the resist layer and below a surface of the insulating layer;
- removing the resist layer, thereby exposing the solder contact above a surface of the insulating layer; and
- annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

73. (New) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:

- forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
- forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad, wherein the insulating layer has a thickness of approximately 1.5 microns;
- forming a resist layer on the insulating layer;
- patterning the resist layer to define a future exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
- removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, wherein the exposed portion of the metal contact pad has a diameter of approximately 2 microns;
- electrolytically depositing lead on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming a solder contact extending below the resist layer and below a surface of the insulating layer, wherein the solder contact has a thickness of approximately 2.33 microns;
- removing the resist layer, thereby exposing the solder contact above a surface of the insulating layer; and
- annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact.

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74. (New) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:

- forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;
- forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad;
- forming a resist layer on the insulating layer;
- patterning the resist layer to define a future exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
- removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, the exposed portion having a predetermined diameter;
- electrolytically depositing a first metal layer on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad;
- electrolytically depositing a second metal layer on the first metal layer, wherein the first

metal layer and the second metal layer form a solder contact extending below the resist layer and below a surface of the insulating layer;

removing the resist layer, thereby exposing the solder contact above a surface of the insulating layer; and

annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact having a diameter in a range of about 2.5 microns to no greater than 100 microns.

75. (New) A method of forming a solder ball contact, comprising:

forming a metal contact pad on a substrate;

forming an insulating layer on the metal contact pad, wherein the insulating layer has a thickness of approximately 1.5 microns;

forming a resist layer on the insulating layer;

patterning the resist layer to define a future exposed portion of the metal contact pad;

removing a portion of the insulating layer to expose a portion of the metal contact pad, thereby forming the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, wherein the exposed portion of the metal contact pad has a diameter of approximately 2 microns;

electrolytically depositing a layer of lead on the exposed portion of the metal contact pad, wherein the layer of lead has a thickness of approximately 0.91 microns;

electrolytically depositing a layer of tin on the layer of lead, wherein the layer of tin has a thickness of approximately 1.42 microns, further wherein the layer of lead and the layer of tin form a solder contact extending below the resist layer and below a surface of the insulating layer, the solder contact having a thickness of approximately 2.33 microns;

removing the resist layer, thereby exposing the solder contact above a surface of the insulating layer; and

annealing the solder contact to form a solder ball contact.

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